

REMARKS

Claims 1–20 are presently pending for examination. Claim 20 has been amended. No claims are added or canceled.

Claim Objections

Claim 20 is objected to because of an informality which has been remedied by the present amendment. Therefore, claim 20 is now in condition for allowance.

Double Patent Rejection

Claims 1–7 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting. Applicant has filed a Terminal Disclaimer concurrently herewith to overcome said rejection. Accordingly, claims 1–7 are now allowable and the rejection thereof should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Accordingly, in view of the above amendment and remarks it is submitted that the claims are patentably distinct over the prior art and that all the rejections to the claims have been overcome. Reconsideration and reexamination of the above Application is requested. Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully requests that the pending claims be allowed, and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

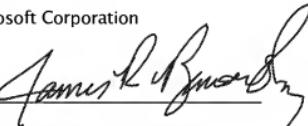
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